

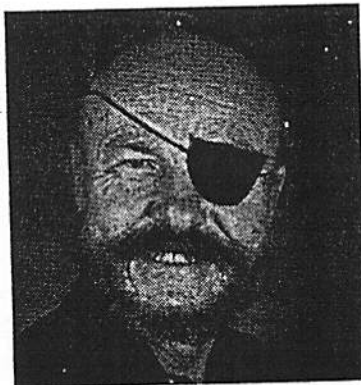
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## ✓ John Pyne, 83, paratrooper in Battle of the Bulge

John J. Pyne of Duxbury died on May 24 in Brockton. He was 83. Mr. Pyne was born June 7, 1924 in Peabody, youngest of a large Lithuanian family with the surname "Paczkauskas," he spent his childhood as a state foster child. In that time his name was shortened to Pascal. He was a member of the Army's 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion, 82nd Airborne, was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. As he was recovering in Cushing Hospital, Framingham he was visited by his Lowell High School principal and wife who eventually adopted him.

Mr. Pyne went to Bentley and Babson College on the G.I. Bill, and married the late



Virginia Wright in Duxbury in 1949. They were married 30 years and had three daughters and a son. Mr. Pyne sailed, was active in Kiwanis, politics and the Milton Players. Retiring after 25 years as a sales representative for Commerce Clearing House, Chicago, he had a library equipment company for 10 years, and a manufacturing plant in Milton.

He met his second wife, Shannon, in Miami in 1981. They were married two years later in Duxbury. Mr. Pyne leaves his wife, four children, and eight grandchildren: Joanne Dahme, husband Gerry and her son Russell of Belmont; Dr. Marilyn Morgan and children Luciante, Miles, and T.J. of Saxton River, Vt; Katherine Pyne, husband Kenneth O'Donoghue and children, Kalya and Forest of Lexington; Jeffrey Pyne of Duxbury and sons, Jesse and Joshua, of Brockton. He also leaves adoptive siblings Joseph Pyne, Jr. and his wife, Patricia, Pepperell, and Constance Achin of Lowell.

He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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